

INDIANA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

January 26, 2010

The Honorable Mitch Daniels
Governor
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Governor Daniels,

As members of the Indiana Conservation Alliance (INCA), organized for conservation advocacy in 2005, we are here today for our 6th Conservation Day at the Statehouse. INCA is comprised of more than 30 conservation organizations that serve constituencies all over Indiana. Some of us are part of large organizations, such as the National Audubon Society, or as small as a city park, such as the Eagle Creek Park Foundation.

Like our fellow conservationists and others with a strong interest in natural resource protection, we have been frustrated by the state's historically low level of funding for conservation. However, we are grateful for the funding increases over the last few years, in contrast to 2003 when both Indiana Heritage Trust (IHT) and Clean Water Indiana (CWI) were zeroed out.

In the last biennium, only half of the \$4 million appropriated for the IHT was allotted and none of the general fund appropriation for CWI was allotted. This year's budget included a \$1 million appropriation for the IHT and a \$500,000 appropriation for CWI. These were both INCA priorities. To date neither of these appropriations has been released, in full or in part.

INCA recognizes the difficult job you face in making sure Indiana weathers this economic downturn as financially secure as possible. Every administration prioritizes spending decisions in good times and bad, and for a significant number of Hoosiers like us, conservation remains a priority. Like all levels of government, businesses and nonprofits are cutting back. However, we believe that the necessary cutbacks should not fall disproportionately on conservation and the environment. While we realize sacrifices must be made, we propose that you release a portion of the appropriation for both of these programs. If the economy should improve by the start of the next fiscal year, we would also ask that you release the balance of the appropriations for these programs.

Finally, we appreciate the candid communication of Budget Director Ruhl with some of INCA's representatives about budgetary issues. We know these are not easy decisions, but if we all work together and make equitable cuts, Indiana can emerge a stronger and better state. Conservation and the environment in whole only account for 1.2% of the overall state budget. The IHT and CWI represent just a portion of this 1.2%, but these funds will have a huge impact. The IHT protects some of the important remaining natural landscapes as willing sellers place them on the market, and CWI preservation occurs through collective conservation practices on private lands. Both the IHT and CWI resources are also regularly matched with private funding as well as leveraging federal dollars, thus bringing Hoosier tax dollars back to our state.

While interstate comparisons are difficult, those states that recognize the intrinsic value of their natural resources prosper from those resources in both quality of life and quality of the environment. We are happy to meet with you and your staff to talk about these issues if that would be enlightening or helpful.

Sincerely,

The Indiana Conservation Alliance

Amos W. Butler Audubon Society • Central Indiana Land Trust • Central Indiana Wilderness Club • Eagle Creek Park Foundation - Citizens Advisory Committee
Hoosier Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society • Hoosier Environmental Council • Hoosier Heartland RC&D • Hoosier Hikers Council • Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts • Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society • Indiana Chapter of The Wildlife Society • Indiana Forest and Woodland Owners Association • Indiana Lakes Management Society • Indiana Land Protection Alliance • Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society • Indiana Organic Gardeners Association • Indiana Park and Recreation Association • Indiana Recycling Coalition
Indiana Society of American Foresters • Indiana State Council of Pheasants Forever
Indiana Urban Forest Council • Indiana Wildlife Federation • Izaak Walton League
National Audubon Society • Oxbow, Inc. • Save the Dunes Conservation Fund • Sierra Club • Sycamore Land Trust • Sycamore Trails RC&D • The Garden Clubs of Indiana
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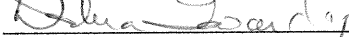
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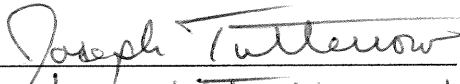
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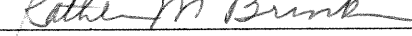
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